

Monday, 31 January 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

SA Health has recently provided guidance on how to manage cases of COVID-19 at Investigator College.

The following new contact tracing and close contact arrangements will be in place across the College from Monday 31 January 2022.

The new arrangements recognise the importance of providing a high-quality education while minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Given that Investigator College will remain open if there is a case of COVID-19, it is very important that you:

- Notify us immediately if your child tests positive to COVID-19.
- Follow the College absentee process, by an SMS to 0447 188 573 or a voicemail on (08) 8551 0990.

It is essential that you please keep your child/ren home if:

- They are unwell;
- They are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms (even if symptoms are mild);
- Any other member of the household has COVID-19; and/or
- They are a close contact of a person who has COVID-19 and are required to quarantine.

If your child/ren develops symptoms while on site, you will be contacted for prompt collection.

Important Update on Mask Wearing

The South Australian Government has changed the direction for mask wearing in schools. It is now a requirement for students in Year 7 to 12 to wear a mask whilst indoors at school and it is a very strong recommendation for students in Years 3 to 6 to wear a mask, to keep everyone safe and minimise the risks of COVID-19 transmission.

Please remind your children to bring their masks to school. There will be a back-up supply of masks available in each office, if required. We ask for your help in reminding the students of the importance of wearing masks and remembering to bring one every day.

Supervision on site

As previously communicated, those students attending school on Tuesday February 1 will be supervised throughout the day but a formal learning program will not be offered. Lunch orders are unavailable on this day.

On this day Junior School children will need to be dropped off at our kiss and drop area and then walk to the quadrangle where they will be met by Mr Smith and Mr Tenny at 8:50am. From here the students will be split into appropriate year level groups and go off to a class for the day.

Middle and Senior School students will also meet in the quadrangle and be walked to their class by Mr McGregor and Mr Hancock.

Wednesday 2 February (Day 1) to Friday 4 February

The same drop-off arrangements apply for Day 1 of lessons on Wednesday 2 February and for the rest of the week. Students undertaking their remote learning at school will be split into the following groups to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19 and to ensure that the teachers supervising are aware of the work expectations.

Year Level	Classroom
Year 2	Miss Coppock (Room 21A)
Year 3	Mr Donley/Miss Pointon (Room 21)
Year 4	Mrs Giggins (Room 19)
Year 5/6	Mrs Cope (Room 26)
Year 9/10	Senior School Building (Room 204)

These arrangements will be reviewed at the end of the week. A separate letter from Head of Junior School Mr Nick Smith will be sent today to the families of our Reception and Year 1 students.

Students are required to bring their hat, recess and lunch, a water bottle, and headphones for remote learning. Students in Year 9 and above are required to bring their BYOD Laptop to work on. Lunch orders will resume from Wednesday 2 February.

Classroom Contacts

If a student or teacher in your child's class or room tests positive for COVID-19, your child will be deemed a classroom contact and the following will occur:

- All parents in the class/room will be notified of the positive case.
- All students and children without symptoms can continue attending the College.
- No rapid antigen testing will be required.
- Any teacher who is in a classroom with a student or colleague who tests positive will be required to undertake seven days of rapid antigen testing and will need to deliver a negative result across the seven days to continue attending the College.

Additional Recommendations for Classroom Contacts

SA Health has recommended that classroom contacts should avoid the following between days 1 to 7 of exposure:

- Attendance at OSHC where possible.
- Attending co-curricular activities for seven days (such as camps, excursions, interschool sport, choir rehearsals and other communal activities – please note that in keeping with government recommendations, most of these activities have been temporarily suspended until Week 4).

SA Health also advises that classroom contacts should do the following to minimise risk to others, when outside of Investigator College between days 1 to 14 of exposure:

- Avoid high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events;
- Wear a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside the home;
- Avoid contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible;
- Avoid non-essential activities where possible (e.g. where there are groups of people inside, in close contact); and
- Avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distance.

Students who have Worked 1:1 with a COVID Positive Staff Member

Any student who has worked 1:1 with a COVID positive staff member (more than 15 minutes, indoors, in close proximity and where face masks are not able to be worn) will be asked to complete seven days of rapid antigen testing ('test to stay'). The test is to be taken each morning before attending the College.

Students who test positive must not attend the College in any capacity.

Alternatively, if you do not want your child to complete the seven-day testing protocol, they must quarantine for 7 days. These students will be able to engage in remote learning with access to learning materials from the relevant sub-school.

Learning Portal: <https://studentinvestigatorsaedu.sharepoint.com/Learning/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Remote Learning Section of Website: <https://www.investigator.sa.edu.au/remote-learning-guide/>

Surveillances testing for Preschool and Childcare Staff

In our Early Learners Centre, staff will undertake surveillance rapid antigen testing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning and will only attend the workplace if they receive a negative result.

Vaccination

SA Health has strongly recommended that students five and over receive a COVID-19 vaccination and if parents/caregivers haven't already booked an appointment, they are being encouraged to do so. Should you require further information regarding the COVID-19 vaccination, please be sure to consult your GP.

It is important that Investigator College has up-to-date medical details for all students. As per our previous request, we ask that you please update your child/ren's medical details via the **Parent Portal** on the College website, including whether they are vaccinated against COVID-19. Please ensure you provide this information at your earliest convenience.

Contact Details

We will continue to update you with information as it becomes available from SA Health.

General questions about COVID-19 and return to school can be emailed to: learn@investigator.sa.edu.au

Specific details about your child's learning requirements, wellbeing and return to school should be directed to your child/ren's Home Group teacher or the relevant Head of School as outlined below.

- Head of Junior School Nicholas Smith – nsmith@investigator.sa.edu.au (for ELC and Junior School)
- Head of Middle School Scott McGregor – smcgregor@investigator.sa.edu.au (Year 7 to Year 9)
- Head of Senior School Belinda Delyster – bdelyster@investigator.sa.edu.au (Year 10 to Year 12)

These new arrangements will be in place until the end of Week 4 of Term 1. Please note that, with the rapidly changing nature of the pandemic, these may be reviewed or changed as required. As always, Investigator College will remain flexible and responsive.

Thank you for your understanding and support in implementing these temporary measures as we continue to adjust to this rapidly changing pandemic.

We look forward to seeing your child face-to-face or online as Investigator College commences its very exciting 20th year.

Yours sincerely,

John Robinson
Principal